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SUBJECT: HUMAN RIGHTS COMMISSION - PERFORMANCE OF INDIAN
DELEGATION

1. US DELEGATION WISHES TO HIGHLIGHT OUTSTANDING
PERFORMANCE OF INDIAN DELEGATION AND EXCEPTIONALLY CLOSE
AND FRIENDLY RELATIONS BETWEEN US AND INDIAN DELEGATIONS
AT THE CURRENT SESSION OF THE COMMISSION ON HUMAN RIGHTS.
MRS. LEELA DAMODARA MENON, REPRESENTATIVE, AND A. S. MANI
OF THE UN MISSION, ALTERNATE, DISPLAYED GREAT SKILL,
DIGNITY AND MODERATION IN DEBATE AND WERE MOST ACTIVE
WITH OTHER DELEGATIONS IN SHAPING RESOLUTIONS WHICH
COMMANDED WIDE SUPPORT. THE DELEGATION INITIATED OR
CO- SPONSORED MOST OF THE 20 RESOLUTIONS ADOPTED BY THE
COMMISSION. IN ADDITION TO OTHER SOLID INTERVENTIONS,
MRS. MENON HANDLED THE DIFFICULT DEFENSE OF THE INDIAN
POSITION ON PAKISTANI POW' S IN A BRILLIANT MANNER.
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2. PERSONAL AND WORKING RELATIONS BETWEEN THE INDIAN
AND US DELEGATIONS COULD NOT HAVE BEEN BETTER. THE
INDIANS MADE A MAJOR CONTRIBUTION IN KEEPING MOST
RESOLUTIONS WITHIN BOUNDS OF MODERATION IN HARMONY
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WITH US OBJECTIVES. ON THE CRITICAL RESOLUTION ON THE
" RIGHT TO LEAVE ANY COUNTRY", WHICH WAS OF PARAMOUNT INTEREST
TO THE US DELEGATION, THE INDIANS WORKED CLOSELY WITH US TO
PRODUCE AN ACCEPTABLE TEXT, WHICH WE CO- SPONSORED
TOGETHER, AND WHICH RECEIVED UNANIMOUS SUPPORT EXCEPT
FOR ABSTENTIONS BY THE EAST EUROPEANS. THE US AND INDIA
CO- SPONSORED 5 RESOLUTIONS IN ALL.

3. MEMBERS OF THE TWO DELEGATIONS MET FREQUENTLY, BOTH IN
THE COMMISSION AND SOCIALLY, IN AN ATMOSPHERE OF CORDIALITY
AND CONFIDENCE.

4. THE US DELEGATION HOPES THAT THE DEPARTMENT AND
EMBASSY NEW DELHI WOULD TAKE APPROPRIATE NOTE OF THE
EXCEPTIONAL PERFORMANCE OF MRS. MENON AND MR. MANI WHICH
REFLECTED MOST FAVORABLY ON INDIA AND WHICH FACILITATED THE
TASK OF THE US AND THE COMMISSION GENERALLY IN MAKING A
SOLID RECORD OF ACHIEVEMENT AT THIS SESSION. RIMESTAD

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